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A Weekly Update for Aging & Disability Resource Center and Community Living Programs and their Partners Contact Allison Yudt at The Lewin Group with questions about this newsletter: allison.yudt@lewin.com or 703.269.5504

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"Can You Say Private Pay -Presentation from 2009 AIRS Conference"

This presentation on the topic of serving private pay consumers in ADRCs and other organizations was given by Sarah Lash (Lewin) and Bernice Hutchinson (NASUA) at the June 2009 Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) Conference in Reno, NV.

"Supporting the Information Needs of Private Paying Consumers"

This issue brief from NASUA examines the capacity of the aging network to provide information and assistance services to people who do not qualify for public programs. It reviews the results of a recent survey on this topic.

Examples to Share?

We are beginning to review

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Community Living Program and Veterans
Directed Home and Community Based Services

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Eric Shinseki announced a landmark collaboration to help the families of older Americans and Veterans with disabilities of all ages care for their loved ones in the community. This partnership builds on the similar missions of HHS and the VA with regard to caring for the populations they serve and has as its ultimate goal a nationwide home and community-based long-term-care support program to serve older Americans and veterans of all ages.

HHS and VA are making \$10 million in funding available to bring this initiative to 20 states. This partnership will implement the Veteran Directed Home & Community Based Service (VDHCBS) program through HHS' aging and human services network, in coordination with the Administration on Aging's (AoA) Community Living Program (CLP) which helps the family caregivers of individuals with ongoing need to keep their loved ones at home. Both programs allow participants to direct their own care, including having control over the types of services they receive and the manner in which they are provided. This includes the option of hiring their neighbors, friends and even some family members, to provide needed services.

HHS' national network of aging and community based organizations will work in close collaboration with the VA Medical Centers across the country to continue to develop and expand VDHCBS for veterans. The CLP, led by AoA, will help states and communities to assist individuals who are at risk of nursing home placement but who are not Medicaid eligible to remain at home.

Eligible applicants are State Units on Aging. The closing date for the CLP application is Monday, Aug. 3, 2009. The deadline for submission of a letter of intent is Wednesday, July 1, 2009. Letters should be submitted to Joseph Lugo, by e-mail:

attachments included in Semi-Annual Reports. If we think an attachment included in the SART may be especially helpful for other states, your state lead will ask permission to post it on the ADRC-TAE website. We truly appreciate your help in this process!

We have already posted a few helpful resources. Stay tuned for more in the upcoming weeks!

You may submit materials for publication on the TAE website at any time by mailing them to adrc-tae@lewin.com along with a description of the file.

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:: www.adrc-tae.org ::

joseph.lugo@aoa.hhs.gov or call (202) 357-3417.

For more information about this opportunity, visit: http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Grants/Funding/index.aspx

Your Action Needed - Please take a brief survey about Personal Assistance Services!

AoA and The Lewin Group request your help with completing a short survey -- it should take less than five minutes. The survey has been developed by the Center for Personal Assistance Services, an organization providing research, training, dissemination and technical assistance on issues of personal assistance services (PAS).

The aim of the survey is to increase the Center's understanding of the role of ADRCs in connecting seniors and disabled individuals with in-home workers providing personal assistance, home care, and other services such as homemaking, respite, and companionship.

Please complete the survey at this location.

Upcoming Technical Assistance Events

June 17 NHD/CLP Grantee Monthly Call

We all face risks every day - health risks, behavioral risks and risks to personal safety. Addressing them can be challenging. As professionals supporting individuals with disabilities to live in their homes, we find ourselves helping others to analyze and reduce their risks. For



those electing to direct their own services, managing risks might seem even more daunting.

This call will focus on identifying, mitigating, and monitoring risks under the self direction service option. Successful strategies will be discussed to address and manage risks using a risk management system. Examples of policy, procedures, assessment tools, risk agreement forms, and monitoring activities will be presented.

Topic: Risk ManagementDate: June 17, 2009Time: 2:00 - 3:30pm

• Toll-Free number: 1-888-844-7278, Meeting ID 2695542

Webinar ID: 514-474-446

Register Advance (Recommended)

Please visit the Monthly Call page on the TAE website for more information.

As always, please check <u>the Training Page</u> for information on upcoming Trainings.

Secretary Sebelius Announces Appointment of Cindy Mann as Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced the appointment of Cindy Mann to serve as Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMSO), part of CMS. Mann most recently served as a research professor and executive director of the Center for Children and Families at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute.

"Cindy Mann has decades of experience in health care financing at the federal and state level, and vast knowledge of health care policy," said Secretary Sebelius. "She has devoted her career to working on behalf of children and families, the elderly and people with disabilities. She will be an outstanding leader at CMSO, particularly as the nation moves forward with health care reform."

Mann previously served as director of the Family and Children's Health Programs at CMSO from 1999-2001; in that capacity she played a key role in implementing Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

You can read more about Mann's appointment on the HHS website.



The U.S. Administration on Aging has begun to refer to Nursing Home Diversion (NHD) programs as the Community Living Program (CLP). You will notice the change in terminology throughout the TAE website and on official AoA documents. Please note that this nominal change does not affect any of the current program activities.